

REMARKS

Claims 14-26 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dixon for granting the Petition for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment Based on Timely Filed Responses Filed by Applicant, which was filed on June 23, 2003. In addition, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dixon for the instructions of how to place the present Sequence Listing in compliance with the sequence rules. In lieu of a return copy, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Withdrawal of Abandonment dated September 14, 2003, from which the extension of time (three months) is to be calculated.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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